

# Sun Spots



## FROM THE PARADISE OF PALM DESERT

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## WE ROLL ALONG MERRILY TO THE HONOR ROLL BALL!

Response to the SMC add-a-member campaign has been most gratifying! Two days after our mailing of the announcement in the special edition of Sun Spots, the returns commenced coming in! Likewise the memberships; just a few days later. And of all things, first membership turned in was by one of the fairer sex—so men, look to your laurels! In all events, present indications are that some of our members, both women and men, will be hosting some very large parties on the night of the Honor Roll Ball, March 28!

How many new members have *you* sponsored; how many names have *you* submitted — and how large will *your* table be on the big night?

Only two months remain in which to add your choice of members to the growing list of new members. If you need additional campaign material of any kind it will be sent to you upon request. Some members have already used several application forms, and asked for more! Others have sent us bulging lists that are representative of some wonderful prospective members. This kind of cooperation is greatly appreciated. It means, through cooperation, that our goal can be realized.

If you have not yet brought in a new member, why not do so now? Join the March 28 party in the role of ye special host. Remember, it costs you nothing! For each new member you bring in, you will receive two out-of-this-world dinners; plus, of course, the pre-dinner cocktail party and awards, plaques, scrolls. To say nothing of the world of fun everyone will have at this grandest

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FAIR LADIES WITH GAY BLADES—at the corner of "Shaggy Lane and 42nd Street," Shadow Mountain Club, the night of the annual Gay '90's party, these fair charmers and beau brummels appear to have stepped from pages of the past. They are Warwick and Millie Eastwood, Lillian and Ken Sorensen—and that's lovely Ann Ellis in the center. Photo—studio of Oden Proctor.



## VALUE!

Though initiation fees, in February, have advanced to \$200.00, plus 20% Federal tax, membership in the Shadow Mountain Club remains the greatest value of its kind extant today. It is a million-dollar family club—with no bonded or mortgage indebtedness, no member liability beyond annual dues, no assessments of any kind—all factors contributing to sound value! Nominal annual dues are predicated upon a non-resident basis, making possible a low cost. Your membership is a value that increases with time.

## Gala Were the Races Gay Were the Gay 90's

They turned back the pages of time, at SMC, to an afternoon and evening of nostalgic fun in the mood of the Gay '90's era, January 19.

In the bright sunshine of the afternoon, old, but well-preserved Mercers, Hupmobiles, Overlands, Cadillacs, Fords and others, paraded and raced around the equestrian track; the atmosphere redolent with loud-sounding klaxon horns, linen dusters and ancient engines.

In the evening, it was colorful costumes, mustaches, crinolines, feathers, lavender and old lace, and a program of old-time vaudeville acts, emceed by our performer-at-heart, Cliff Henderson, dressed as a ring-master of old.

There were match races featuring a 1911 Model T, "Black Widow," driven by Lindley Bothwell, president of the Horseless Carriage Club; Capt. Harry

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## CRACK SWIM TEAM TO PERFORM AT SMC

Those who enjoy aquatic sports, as most everyone does, will spend a pleasure-packed afternoon at the club, Sunday, February 3, according to the calendar of events scheduled. Famed swimming coach, Jimmy Smith, will present his Fullerton Junior College National Championship swim team in a program of swimming and diving exhibitions, second to none.

Smith, author of a score book and instant computer for diving judges, and known as a maker of champion teams, is one of California's outstanding aquatic coaches, producing junior college teams of a caliber that bests many uni-

## POSTAL RECEIPTS ARE BAROMETER OF GROWTH

When first opened, July 16, 1947, the Palm Desert postoffice carried a fourth class rating, occupied limited quarters, and postal receipts totaled only \$1705.24 during the ensuing six months of '47.

William Myers, postmaster then as now, received compensation of 56c daily. He was sole handler of the mails.

At the close of business, 1951, Myers can look back with much satisfaction upon the inspiring changes that have taken place. Now a second class post-office, recently moved into modern, new quarters, occupying 1254 square feet of space, today Myers has two full-time assistants.

In 1948, the first full year of operation, receipts were \$9187.16. In the calendar year of 1951, through December, receipts have jumped to \$21,494.46.

Coincident with the move to the new building, Myers added 135 new post-office boxes to cope with the precipitate growth of the community.

Myers reports that, along with postal receipts, his compensation has increased materially!

versity teams in competitive meets. Water polo, clown diving and a spectacular trampoline performance are special features in addition to races, in various strokes, and diving exhibitions.

Tom Harabedian, SMC recreational director, will be in charge of the program. Tom, holder of a life pass from USC for his aquatic and gymnasium skills, has won many championship events during the past few years; including 3 meter springboard, 10 meter highboard, and many other events in Southern Pacific Amateur Athletic Union competition, the Kelowna (B.C.) Regatta, and elsewhere.

## BENEFIT PROGRAM FOR ART CENTER

Participating in the expanding civic development of the desert area, club facilities have been made available for a benefit party on Lincoln's birthday, February 12th, for the Desert Art Center of Coachella Valley; new but fast-growing art group. Center has a gallery in Cathedral City and is now readying an art school in Palm Springs. Zaddie Bunker, pioneer resident of Palm Springs, is president of the non-profit organization.

Peggy Conway, stage, radio and television actress, will be the featured entertainer, presenting monologues for which she has won wide acclaim. Famous member-artists of the group will be present and display their work in the lounge of the club; several taking part in the program of entertainment, as will renowned artist John Hilton, with his guitar, and others, furnishing surprises in talent.

Many SMC members are on the Honorary Sponsoring Committee including Mr. Cliff Henderson; the George K. Zains; Mrs. W. B. Carey, Sr., Mrs. P. K. Nichols; Miss Jacqueline Cochran and many others.

Pre-performance cocktail and dinner parties are being planned to fete the artists and guests. Early reservations are suggested. Tickets for the program only, scheduled from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m., are \$1.50. Dinners, at regular prices, will be served as usual.

The club will remain open on Tuesday, and be closed on Wednesday, the week commencing February 11, an exception to the regular weekly schedule.

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**LAUGHTER MAKES YOU HAPPY**—(left) this striking foursome greets 1952 with unrestrained laughter—their risibility touched off by either the gala mood of the club's wonderful New Year's Eve party or the sight of the topknot gracing Vernon Peck's head. Other celebrants are Mrs. Tom Lynch, Mr. Lynch and Mrs. Peck. Oden Proctor photo.

**ATHLETES ALL**—relaxing at snack bar after tennis playing are Ralph Kiner (l), baseball; Nancy Chaffee Kiner (r), tennis; Florence Allen, club's tennis pro; and club's founder, Cliff Henderson, who was one of the five all-time "greats" of the PCC, and varsity basketball captain at USC. Tom Harabedian photo.







**CELEBRANTS CROWNED BY CLOWN**—Distinctive was the appearance of this party, celebrating New Year's Eve at the club, resplendent in gracious gowns and white dinner jackets. Photographer snapped the picture as Bozo, the clown, adorned heads with trick balloons. Clockwise, those in the party are: Mr. Clarence McKinley, Mrs. Maytor McKinley, Mr. McKinley, Mrs. Peter Ratican, Mr. Ratican and Mrs. Clarence McKinley. Oden Proctor photo.

## RESUME OF CURRENT MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

1. Goal: 400 new members.
2. Members personally add or recommend new members of their choice.
3. For each new member secured, you receive cocktails and 2 dinners, cost-free, at Honor Roll Ball, March 28th.
4. If you secure more than one new member, choice of 2 more dinners, or a bottle of champagne. No limit!
5. Awards, plaques, scrolls to all successful campaigners.
6. Campaign closes 7:00 p.m., March 28th.
7. Everybody celebrates at the Honor Roll Ball!

**LOVELY WAS THE BRIDE**—Wedding reception at Shadow Mountain Club followed the marriage of Ann Marie Condefer and Lt. Anthony M. Plascjak, USN, given in honor of the newlyweds by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Passow. Shown in the photo are: the bride; Mrs. Freeman Pepper, matron of honor; Rev. Michael O'Connor, Our Lady of Solitude Church, who performed the ceremony; the groom, being congratulated by Mr. Passow; and Mrs. Passow. Exquisite wedding reception was the first ever held in the new Manzanita Room. Photo—studio of Oden Proctor.



## Party Duo

### HEARTS AND FLOWERS AND ARABIAN NIGHTS

Bachelors beware! This is the February with 29 days—and that means it's leap year! Which lends special emphasis to the fun program planned for our Valentine Party, Saturday, February 9th.

In all sorts of guises it's full of surprises—for the unwary. However, the best Nero Wolfing and Sam Spading has failed to ferret out a real basis for rumors that coterie of females are "plotting" anything more than a cotillion during the dancing that follows the dinner. There's something afoot; but time alone will tell!

Valentine's Day is for Sweethearts, and so our party will follow the lovely theme of hearts and flower, with capricious Cupid ever in the offing, perhaps dancing, with the rest of us, to the symphonic "sweetheart" music of the Todd's Trio. Come join a wonderful party and let your sweetheart "be your valentine."

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There will be big doings down Indio way during the National Date Festival, February 19th through the 24th, when Arabia comes to the desert. There'll be a big party event at the SMC, just four nights preceding, when our fourth annual Arabian Nights Ball is held on Friday, February 15th.

Every man becomes a dashing "shiek" for the night, since it's a costume affair, and both men and women dress in the flowing styles of Arabia. Honored, will be Festival's beautiful queen contestants. "Presented," will be the club's own "contestants," who will prove rather startling!

Dress in Arabian costume, or informally, for this occasion. Preferably, like an Arab, for it is one time you can indulge in bizarre dress—and feel at ease! The more costumes, the more fun, the more spectacular for everyone!

Consult Irene Matthias for any further information or suggestions.

Make your reservations early, please, for this is a very popular affair. Dinner is \$3.00 per person, plus tax.



**SOUTHWARD BOUND** — The Rene de Varannes (above) exhibited their first travelogues to enthusiastic crowds. Next program, featuring western South America, will be on February 10th; again, the 24th, showing eastern South America. You're invited.



Shadow Mountain Club Presents

## February Calendar

THE PARTY MONTH OF THE YEAR



**FEBRUARY**—Sunday — Pool Performance. Jimmy Smith's Fullerton Junior College National Championship Swim Team. Swimming and diving exhibitions and spectacular trampoline performance.

**FEBRUARY**—Monday — Lake Arrowhead Woman's Club; guests of SMC. Bridge and Canasta group. Chairman, Mrs. B. Mason Value; Co-chairman, Mrs. Morris Ellinger.

**FEBRUARY**—Saturday evening — Valentine Party. "Hearts and Flowers" dinner-dance. The "Leap Year" party of the season. Cupid's capers and favors.

**FEBRUARY**—Tuesday—Benefit for Desert Art Center of Coachella Valley. Peggy Conway, stage, screen, radio and TV actress featured entertainer. Famous artist-members will display their work.

**FEBRUARY**—Friday evening—Fourth annual Shadow Mountain Club Arabian Nights Ball. Arabian costume dinner-dance honoring queen contestants. Precedes opening of the National Date Festival. Romantic, mystic, desert enchantment—and lots of fun. \$6.00 per person, plus tax. Early reservations, please.

**FEBRUARY**—Sunday—Desert Fashion Show. Featuring Catalina round-the-world swim attire. Buffet on the terrace. Music by the Todd's Trio.



### DINING NOTES

**Dining Room:** Service Daily—12:00-2:30 p.m.  
Dinner from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.  
Saturday—12:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.  
Sunday — 12:30 p.m. — Smorgasbord Buffet, Table d'hote and ala carte service.



### TODD'S TRIO MUSIC SCHEDULE

The Todds will play during these hours  
Monday, Wednesday: 7:30 to 11:30 p.m.  
Thursday, Friday: 7:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.  
Saturday night: 8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.  
Sunday: Afternoons, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.  
Evenings, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.

### IMPORTANT COMING EVENTS!

**MARCH 1, Saturday** — Fourth Annual Shadow Ball

**MARCH 15, Saturday**—St. Patrick's Party

**MARCH 28, Friday**—Honor Roll Ball. Celebrates the close of the membership campaign, with cocktails and dinner-dancing.

## Day by Day--Your Weekly Calendar of Events

**Monday—10:00 a.m.**—Trim and Slim Class for the ladies.

**12:30 p.m.**—Bridge and Canasta Luncheon. \$2.00, including gratuity, tax and prizes.

**Evening**—Dancing to the music of Todd's Trio.

**Tuesday**—Club Closed.

**Wednesday—8:00 p.m.**—Tennis Round Robin (Shady Racqueteers). Florence Allen, SMC tennis pro.

**Thursday — Evening** — Square dancing, with Harry Kester calling. Chuck Wagon Dinner, \$3.00, buffet style. Western or square dancing apparel.

**Friday—10:00 a.m.**—Trim and Slim Class for the ladies.  
**Evening**—Dancing to the music of Todd's Trio.

**Saturday—9:00 a.m.**—Palm Desert Raiders. Saturday morning ride. At the SMC Stables.

**12:30 p.m.** — Shadows (age 4 to 8). Luncheon, games and prizes. \$1.00.

**Evening**—Dancing to the music of Todd's Trio.

**Sunday**—Smorgasbord Buffet. \$4.00 per person. Music by Todd's Trio from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

**7:00 to 10:00 p.m.**—Dancing to the music of Todd's Trio.

**8:00 p.m.**—Travelog, presented by members and camera enthusiasts. Alternate Sundays in the Manzanita Room.

### EQUESTRIAN NEWS!

#### Palm Desert Raiders News for February

Raiders ride every Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. Coffee and donuts, 10:30, at the Stables.

Raiders Steak Dinner at the Stables every Tuesday night. Reservations to be made by Tuesday noon. Square dancing with Harry Kester calling.

**Wednesdays—10:30 a.m.**—Lunch Rides. Horses, \$5.00. Lunch, 50c.

**Thursdays—3:00 p.m.**—Brolo practice.

**Fridays—8:30 a.m.**—Breakfast Ride. Horses, \$3.50. Haywagon, \$1.50.

**Sundays — 1:30 p.m.**—February 3rd and 17th. Brolo Games. Free admission.

**Every Day—2:30 p.m.**—Calf roping, at the Stables corral.

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## HONOR ROLL . . .

of all fun parties ever enjoyed at SMC!

The add-a-member-campaign is gaining momentum as this issue goes to press. Let's keep it rolling to a successful climax!

The last 100 members welcomed to the roster of the Shadow Mountain Club are the following:

Mrs. Samuel L. Carpenter, Jr. . . . . Palm Springs  
Mr. Stanley Spencer . . . . . Los Angeles  
Mr. Ben H. Lewis . . . . . Riverside  
Mr. Douglas Roesch . . . . . Los Angeles  
Mr. U. S. Grant . . . . . San Gabriel  
Mr. Wm. W. Naylor . . . . . Beverly Hills  
Chet Stevens Marshall . . . . . Los Angeles  
Darryl G. Hickman . . . . . Los Angeles  
Charles W. Findeisen . . . . . Los Angeles  
Jack R. Thornton . . . . . Palo Alto  
Murray C. Swafford . . . . . Sherman Oaks  
Mrs. Arnold W. Hackfield . . . . . La Quinta  
Mr. Lewis Carter . . . . . Pacific Palisades  
Mr. Grant J. Weise . . . . . Los Angeles  
Mr. Herbert A. Smelker . . . . . Beaumont, Texas  
Mrs. Isabelle Belyea . . . . . Balboa Island  
Mr. R. M. Jones . . . . . Spokane, Wash.  
Miss Helen Frances Kanzler . . . . . Los Angeles  
Mr. and Mrs. John Roller . . . . . Beverly Hills  
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Erwin Nay . . . . . Altadena  
Mr. William M. Ryals . . . . . Long Beach  
Mrs. Mabel J. Bailey . . . . . La Jolla  
Mr. Edward L. Faupel . . . . . Palm Springs  
Mr. Robert E. Gangwer . . . . . Los Angeles  
Dr. J. D. Sharp . . . . . Twentynine Palms  
Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Wolseth . . . . . Cathedral City  
Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Mincolla . . . . . Grosse Point, Mich.  
Mr. and Mrs. Warren L. Meeker . . . . . Los Angeles  
Mr. Alan R. White . . . . . Whittier  
Mr. O. Elmer Bohlen . . . . . Los Angeles  
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Mr. and Mrs. A. Wardman . . . . . Whittier  
Mr. Homer W. Wessendorf . . . . . Los Angeles  
Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Zimmerman . . . . . El Monte  
Col. and Mrs. Francis J. Moran . . . . .  
Ensign Frank J. Moran . . . . . Redlands

Mrs. L. D. Hews . . . . . La Quinta  
Mr. Charles L. Cheeseman . . . . . Burbank  
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. P. Rousseau . . . . . Hollywood  
Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Cameron, Jr. . . . . Palm Springs  
Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Hilbert . . . . . Palm Springs  
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur G. Manzo . . . . . Indio  
Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Marsh . . . . . Palm Springs  
Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Walker . . . . . Palm Springs  
Mr. Otto Allgoewer . . . . . Palm Desert  
Mr. Otis L. Walker . . . . . Oak Park, Ill.  
Mrs. Lowry Bettingen . . . . . La Jolla  
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Mr. and Mrs. George E. Kehlet . . . . . Palm Springs  
Mr. and Ms. C. F. Woolpert . . . . . Indio  
Mr. Paul R. Kirk . . . . . Tacoma, Wash.



**SHUFFLING ALONG**—Along with tennis, ping pong, golf and other games, shuffleboard is enjoying great popularity. As the photo shows, it's alongside the tennis courts. Tom Harabedian photo.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Rice . . . . . Palm Springs  
Miss Elaine E. Schumacher and Miss Nelda L. Schumacher . . . . . Anaheim  
Mr. and Mrs. Purves E. Ritchie . . . . . Rancho Mirage  
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## Going Good

### BOOTS TO BITS

#### AT H BAR C SHOP

Mr. and Mrs. Jack B. Rogers report that business has been good from the very first day they opened their new western shop at the Stables.

Peggy and Jack, as they are better known, announce that lines now handled include: Taylor of California, Stewart Romero boots, H Bar C line of clothing, and Bailey's hats; complete apparel for men, women and children. Their shop features personalized, hand-carved leather belts, purses, wallets; silver buckles and other accessories. All kinds of riding equipment for horsemen is available at the H Bar C Shop, from "boots to bits."

It's an attractive shop, neatly sandwiched in between the tack room and the horses' box stalls. You're invited to visit the shop next time you visit SMC.

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### PEDAL PUSHERS

#### MAN THOSE BIKES

Fun and exercise at one and the same time aboard a good bike! There's a neat rackful of bicycles now available for members' use. The "fleet" stands ready for action. You'll find them near the recreation cabana at poolside.

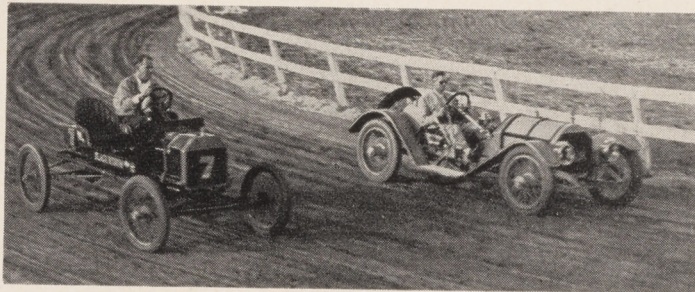
These bikes are nice to use, between your residence and the club, for pedaling around the town, for riding to and fro, wherever you may want to go.

Rates are 50c an hour, \$2.00 per day. See Tom Harabedian.



**AT EASE**—Popular Vera and James Aust smile for the camera at the SMC Happy New Year's Eve party. Oden Proctor photo.

**DANDY DAMSELS AND DAPPER DANDIES**—Having fun—as who didn't—at the Gay '90's party, was this effulgent group of partygoers. Ladies, from the left: Mmes. Joseph Kirk, Wilbur Bear, J. B. Shutz, Ralph Caplinger. Men, in the same order: Messrs. Kirk, Shutz, Bear, Caplinger. Apparel may have been old-fashioned, but certainly impressive. Photo—studio of Oden Proctor.



**AGED BUT ACTIVE**—In old-time cars, Lindley Bothwell, on the left in his 1911 Ford, and Capt. Harry Johnson, in his 1913 Mercer, make fast time in one of the races, the day the horseless carriages came to the club. Races were thrilling, and parade of aged vehicles was a nostalgic reminder of a pioneer era gone but not forgotten. Oden Proctor photo.

## SWIM STYLE SHOW AT SMC

With a theme of "around-the-world" underlying the Catalina styles for '52, the SMC terrace will scintillate with splashes of color and embellishment when the Sunday afternoon, February 24th showing of swim wear holds forth.

'Tis said the inspirational coloring stems from the Riviera, from primitive prints of the South Seas, the sun-nurtured colors of the jungles—in hand print designs, bold and vividly hued, featuring bamboo, Chinese orchid and other patterns typical of the far corners of the globe; creating an exotic collection, international in flavor, yet Californian in styling.

Rhinestones, flowers and many adornments are featured in the new styles. Lei necklaces of native huihini shells, from Tahiti, for instance, complement the "Tapa Shell" suit. On the models, they should all appear most enchanting.

Other Catalina wear will be shown, including cocktail dual-purpose swim suits, with skirts for lounge wear, sans skirts for the pool. Many, many smart innovations will be unveiled.

E. W. Stewart, head of Catalina, will be the fashion show commentator on this special occasion. In keeping with the Catalina style line this year, his firm is staging a "Miss Universe" beauty pageant, at Long Beach, in the spring. Contestants will compete from 40 foreign countries.

Presented by Stuard's Sun Shop, the February 24th showing will be modeled by localites Mrs. George Cameron (with her famous French poodle, "Cupcake"), Ann Ellis, Candy Hughes and a bevy of professional models.

Plan now to attend. Buffet on the terrace, if you wish. Music by Todd's Trio. It will be an enjoyable afternoon of fashion—and fair ladies!



**MASTER MAGICIAN**—With equal facility, Cliff Henderson produces master developments, such as Palm Desert, with the skill of this particular bit of legerdemain, shown here at the Gay '90's party. Photo—studio of Oden Proctor.





## EQUESTRIAN INTEREST BUILDS WITH SEASON

Riding, at the Stables, and equestrian events in the new arena, continue to build in interest both for horsemen and spectators alike as the season advances.

The December 29th, Invitational Gymkhana was a very enjoyable, successful nine-event program, with horsemen from throughout the Coachella Valley taking part.

Jean O'Connor, winner of trophies or ribbons in four out of the six events in which she competed, was the outstanding single performer; repeating at SMC some of her recent winning performances in such topflight shows as the International Horse Show, and others.

Gladys Foster, well-known horsewoman, brought a string of horses over from Thermal; winning the Stake Race in the fast time of 19½ seconds and placing third in the Western Pleasure Horse class.

The program was judged by Miss Lorraine Fish, Los Angeles, and Thelma Rogers, Palm Springs, both expert horsewomen. Cliff Henderson welcomed the contestants; Jack Rogers emceed the events.

The program and winners in the various events were:

Parade Horse: Jean O'Connor, riding Oregon Dare; Fred Sieman, second, aboard Rusty; third, Janet Rogers, on Duke.

Balloon Race, children: 1st, Chatty Collier, on Little Jeff H; 2nd, A. J. Scampini, riding Blondy; 3rd, Orvalee Looney, aboard Joe.

**GAS BUGGY BOOSTERS**—Mr. and Mrs. Lindley Bothwell, old car collectors to the tune of 85 (3rd largest collection in the U. S.), meet pretty Ann Ellis emulating a can-can girl of yesteryear at the '90's party. Mr. Bothwell is national president of the Horseless Carriage Club. Oden Proctor photo.

Quarter-mile Race: First place, Charles Korter, riding Stormy; second place, Bob Ellsworth, aboard Jamaica; third place, Don McEwen, on Sunset Mac.

Western Horsemanship, children: Chatty Collier, first; Lyn Harnish, riding Penny, second; Jean Looney, on Star, third.

Western Pleasure Class, open: First, Jean O'Connor, riding Duke; second, Chatty Collier; third, Gladys Foster, riding Champagne.

Musical Hats, children: 1st, David William, on Jamaica; 2nd, Chatty Collier; 3rd, Steve Hupp, on Dominic.

Stake Race: Gladys Foster, Jamaica, time 19½ seconds; J. E. Patten, Penny, 20 seconds; Jean O'Connor, Duke, tied for second place, 20 seconds; Carl Henderson, Tarzan, 21 seconds, third place.

Matched Pairs: 1st, Jean O'Connor, on Oregon Dare and Lisle Nixon, on Anthony, both deep chestnuts; Joan Hannon, on Blondy and Carl Henderson, on Tarzan, second, both Palominos; Jane McEwen, on Alcade and Billie Nixon, on Bi Gee, both sorrels, third place.

Pony Express: Jean O'Connor, riding Duke and Curly Bill.

From the colorful grand entry parade, through the thrilling Old West spectacle of the pony express event, it was an enjoyable afternoon of recreation for all.



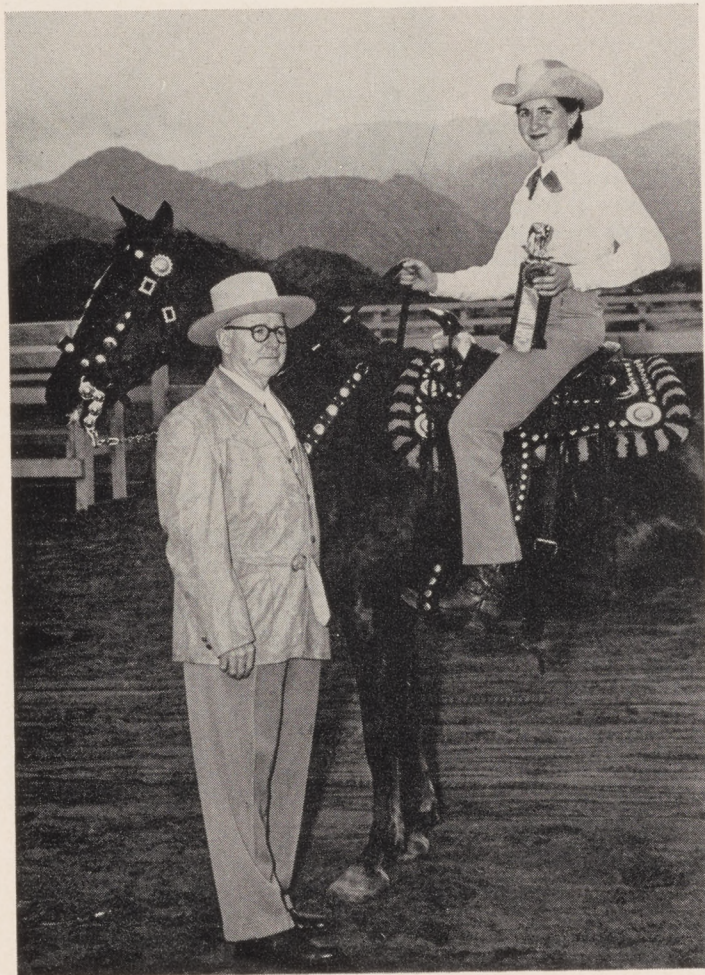
### GAY 90's . . .

Johnson, in his slick, fancy-yellow, 1913 Mercer roadster; Ken Sorenson, piloting his spanking bright-red 1914 Overland speedster; 1910 Hupmobiles, and many others. In a special race, club's top equestrienne, Jean O'Connor, not to be out-done by the horseless carriages, raced her horse against the Mercer, twice around the track. The horse won.

A nine-act vaudeville show, tin-type (Polaroid) photography for the partygoers, and dancing, sparked a festive evening for the throng that came from everywhere to join in the fun. The "Sidewalks of Shady Mountain" show was the highlight of the party, with attractive Ann Ellis, dressed as a can-can girl, heralding the introduction of each act.

A "Pumpkin Center Bumpkin" was Clay Stearns, in a dead-pan, soft-shoe routine; Allen Willard and Henry Escher were a couple of ragtime Joes from Indio; Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Ellis, aided and abetted by daughter Ann, presented a "politics vs. flirtation" skit; Frances Goodrich and artist Jana, as the "bustle rhythm rascals" performed a miscellany of dances; song imitations of the "good old days" were sung by Mrs. Edward Sergeant; "Shades of India," was a magic capers by Cliff Henderson, and the club's number one barman, Johnny McGaughey; "Tunes and Twangs," featured the Todd's Trio, with special banjo arrangements by Art Todd; Arlene Harris, Los Angeles television's ace monologist, was billed as "The Human Chatterbox," presenting an act that brought deserved encores; Ellis, Escher, Willard and E. J. Oshier, teamed up as an "old gang of mine" barbershop quartet; seguing into the grand finale with cast and spectators forming a conga line that paraded on the dance floor to the accompaniment of bazooka trombones—the climax to a full day of great fun.

Social Director, Irene Matthias, set the decor, arranged the stage, painted many a mustache on both celebrants and personnel, set the acts and generally turned in a job well done. The gala crowd enjoyed a gay and memorable occasion!



**FATHER TAKES TO HORSES**—Automobiles are his forte, but J. F. O'Connor prefers horses when daughter Jean rides winners. Here Jean, club's top equestrienne, displays trophy she won in recent gymkhana, to father, who appears very proud indeed! Oden Proctor photo.